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1. [] - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and talked with him about several items including conference committee action on the military procurement authorization bill and our retirement act proposals. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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2. [] - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and talked with him about the impact of Senate amendments to the military procurement authorization bill and our retirement legislation. Woodruff feels it is entirely possible that the Congress can adjourn sine die by the latter part of October. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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3. [] LLM) On referral from the office of [] Office of Security, returned the call of Mrs. Long, in Naval Intelligence, who wanted to know the extent of exposure of Representative Samuel Stratton (D., N. Y.) to compartmented information in connection with a requirement on the Chief, Naval Operations to respond to inquiries from Stratton on submarine surveillance. I passed on the information we had on record.

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4. [] - JGO) Met with Mr. Buddy Kendrick, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that the staff is just now beginning to edit the [] hearings and it will be later in the month before he will know when publication will take place.

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5. [] - JGO) Met with Miss Joyce Curtis, Staff Assistant to Senator Philip A. Hart (D., Mich.), and returned to her the correspondence forwarded from Dr. []

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services
Committee Staff, on the Military Procurement Act
and Other Matters

1. I talked with Ed Braswell today at some length about Senate amendments to the military procurement act, especially Senator Fulbright's amendment to section 502 of the act denying any funds to support Vietnamese or other free world forces in actions designed to provide military support and assistance to the governments of Cambodia or Laos. In response to my question, Braswell said he really didn't know whether this amendment would be changed in conference or not. He said he felt the language was sufficiently vague so as to permit differing interpretations of it. He added that the Department of Defense had indicated to the Committee that it foresaw no problems with this language. He also indicated that Senator Stennis had no choice but to accept this amendment by Senator Fulbright in view of the position which had been taken in the Committee report regarding the basic provisions of section 502. I told Braswell that I thought the Director was becoming increasingly concerned about this and other amendments to the act and might well want to discuss the thrust of these with Senator Stennis.

2. I told Braswell that we had been disappointed with the inactivity of the CIA Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee this year. Braswell said that both he and Senator Stennis were also concerned about the lack of Subcommittee contact with the Agency during the past year. He said Senator Stennis has remarked about this to him on several occasions and has indicated that some changes will have to be made to correct this situation next year.

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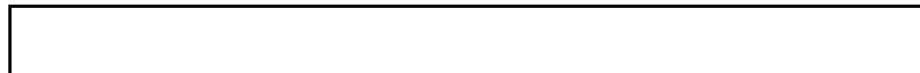
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3. As he has done before Braswell mentioned the tremendous pressure Senator Stennis has been under this year what with the procurement bill, the issue of bussing of school children, and others. He also mentioned again Senator Stennis' tendency to defer to Senator Russell in any matters pertaining to formal Agency briefings and the fact that Stennis was somewhat reluctant to call a Subcommittee meeting which would include Senator Symington for fear that Symington would then ask the Director to give the same information to the Foreign Relations Committee.

4. This appeared to be a good opportunity to bring up the subject of getting our retirement legislation through the Senate before adjournment. Braswell said this would be difficult in view of the strong possibility that the Congress will adjourn by late October, but he said it could be accomplished if our proposals consisted primarily of provisions conforming with provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act. I told him that we had encountered some difficulty with the Treasury Department regarding the section covering interest on unfunded liability, but we were optimistic that we would get clearance from the Office of Management and Budget on our package within the next day or two so that we could formally transmit the bill to the Congress. Braswell suggested that I give him a copy of the proposal as submitted to OMB and I will get this to him tomorrow. (We have previously given Braswell a summary of our proposals.)

5. I briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence items including the following:

- a. Chinese preparations for an airdrop nuclear test.
- b. ChiCom construction of destroyers and submarines.
- c. The Soviet SA-6 mobile SAM system.



- e. Soviet Naval activities in the Caribbean.

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